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WEAK POINTS POINTED OUT

Speaker at the Chamber of Commerce "Mulligan" Gives Listeners Good Steer.

LACHMAN TALKS BUSES

Investigation Proves Washington Township a Fertile Field For the Very Latest in Transportation.

"Perhaps one of the reasons why Niles has not come to the front more rapidly than it has," said E. D. Moore, managing director of the Tourist Association of Central California, at the booster "Mulligan" given by the Niles Chamber of Commerce last Tuesday night, "is because its citizens have been backward about spreading information regarding this locality abroad."

"This vicinity," continued Mr. Moore, "is on the main highway between Oakland and San Jose, over which thousands of automobiles travel each month. Many of these machines convey tourists who are in this state to see the country. They don't want to see the cities—all cities look alike. The man from New York, Chicago or St. Louis isn't interested in seeing the buildings and streets of the California cities. What he wants to see is the country. They want to see the fruit, the flowers and the scenic beauty spots."

"For the most part these motorists do not stop in Niles. They travel along the main highway and go right through to San Jose. Why? Because they are not told that this locality is rich in places of interest. If you will permit a suggestion I think some kind of a sign calling attention to the Niles Canyon."

and Essanay Film company's place as well as the many other points of interest undoubtedly would cause many of the touring people to take them in."

Mr. Moore also spoke on the proposed auto bus line. He drew the attention of his listeners to the fact that "better transportation facilities mean a more quickly populated section and more people means a better chance of obtaining public and private improvements such as make life worth living."

Henry Lachman of Mission San Jose was an other important speaker of the evening. Mr. Lachman, in his forceful manner, described the proposed motor bus service for this section. He stated that while in Los Angeles recently he made a careful investigation and found that in nearly all the southern cities automobiles were competing with both steam and electric lines. He also informed those present that it was the plan of the promoters of the new system to run its main bus line from Oakland and San Francisco through Centerville and Irvington, and to run local buses in an intertown service to Niles, Newark and other points.

The promoters, Lachman stated, had been investigating the field and found that much dairy produce would be available for its line.

The banquet itself was a decided success. The "Mulligan," prepared by J. E. Jacobus, showed him to be a chef of no mean ability, while the service by George MacRae and Secretary Morgan showed that they were not members of the Cooks' and Waiters' Union. But, on the whole they did very well.

In addition to Messrs. Moore and Lachman, President Overacker and several other members made strong booster talks.

"High" Line Down.

One of the results of the storm Wednesday night was the falling of one of the Pacific Gas and Electric company's 60,000-volt wires near Overacker's corner, near Niles.

No damage was done and outside of the fact that there was a general demand for candles and lamps no inconvenience was suffered. Probably the greatest menace of the accident was the lack of power at the brick plant where the water threatened considerable damage. "Pacific Service" was restored in less than an hour and a half.

WOMAN'S CLUB ACTIVE.

Members Are Determined That Sanitary Conditions Shall Prevail in Town of Niles.

"Niles will be a much cleaner and more attractive place to live in when the Woman's Club gets through with its labors," said Mrs. George MacRae, last week. Mrs. MacRae is one of the originators of the scheme for disposing of garbage and other refuse, that has been taken up by the Niles Woman's Club. Continuing, Mrs. MacRae said:

"The members of the committee having the garbage question in charge, have secured the pledges of thirty persons who are willing to pay a nominal sum each month for the purpose of having their garbage can cleaned at least once a week. The members of the committee feel certain that with a house-to-house canvass many more persons could be induced to accept the arrangements to be made."

"If this plan works the way we expect it to, Niles will not only be an attractive place, but next summer the number of flies will be conspicuous by their absence."

The Woman's Club committee has made arrangements to meet with the Sanitary Committee of the Niles Chamber of Commerce, and the two committees, working in conjunction will take up the matter more fully.

Chamber Meeting Postponed.

The next meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Washington township will take place at Centerville on January 6. The last meeting, because of the inclement weather and the closeness to the Christmas holidays was not had. The regular business that would have been handled at that time will be carried over to the Centerville date.

Chairman Henry Lachman expresses the hope that all the local chambers will be represented at Centerville as there is considerable business of importance to come up.

St. Mary of P.

Henry Lachman is preparing 60 acres of his estate on the Mission road to receive French prune trees. The young orchard is the product of the California Nursery company.

While in Europe some time ago, Mr. Lachman had a talk with a friend in France who is well versed in the world estimate of ground products, during which he took occasion to boost California wines. His auditor took issue with him on the merits of the products of our vines, saying that they were not comparable with the French products. He admitted, though, that California prunes were superior to the French fruit and that it was only a question of time and quantity when this state would set the standard of quality and price in world markets. This statement, coming from an authority on such matters, in addition to the fact that prunes are always a sure crop, induced Mr. Lachman to go thus extensively into the prune business.

NEW COMEDIAN FOR S. & A.

Charles Chaplin, Popular Comedian of the Keystone Company, Is Secured by Essanay.

Members of the Essanay Film Company at Niles are jubilant over the addition to their staff of Charles Chaplin, comedian. Chaplin was with the Keystone company for some time, and is by far one of the most popular comedy artists in the motion picture industry.

At the Studio.

G. M. Anderson of the Essanay company, who has been in Los Angeles on a business trip, returned to Niles the first of the week.

Miss Margaret Clayton, former star of the Essanay company, has accepted a situation with the Liberty Film company at San Mateo.

MRS. SOUTHWICH AT REST.

Early Resident of Niles Dies in San Diego County After Long Illness.

The Press has been informed by Ida L. Curtis, who will be well remembered by many of those who have lived in Washington township since the 80's, that her grandmother, Mrs. Marietta J. Southwick, died in Ramona, San Diego county on November 13, last. Miss Curtis is a graduate of Niles grammar school and the Union High School of this township. Since the death of her grandmother, Miss Curtis has moved to Nestor, San Diego county.

Marietta Josephine Southwick was born in Chataqua county, N. Y., June 25, 1826, her maiden name being Marietta Josephine Clough. She was married 22, 1850, to Edmund Z. Southwick, coming with him in 1884 to Niles where Mr. Southwick died February 3, 1893. The older residents of the community will remember her as the mother of Ernest E. Southwick, who more recently moved from this vicinity.

In addition to the loving care bestowed upon her four children she gave a mother's care and devotion to her granddaughter, Ida L. Curtis, with whom she has made her home in Southern California for a number of years.

Early upon the morning of Friday November 13, the long and useful life of nearly 90 years came to a close. Owing to failing mental and physical powers Mrs. Southwick had been a "shut-in" for four years prior to death. The happy, patient spirit of the sufferer and her frequent expressions of gratitude and appreciation for every service rendered has made the long waiting-time one in which many a beautiful lesson has been taught to all whose lives came in touch with hers.

The funeral services were held at the home of her grand-daughter, a wealth of beautiful floral offerings testified to the loving thoughtfulness of many friends.

Closed for the Holidays.

The Decoto public school closed Friday for the holiday vacation of three weeks. The Christmas tree exercises, including the presentation of a cantata entitled "Christmas With the Pixies," proved a very enjoyable affair. The following is the cast of characters for the cantata:

Louis and Lena, Orphans of the Black Forest Roy Silva
Alfred Brown and Lillian Santos Willie Kelly
Flora—Queen of the Pixies Sergeant Red Jacket George King
Marie Swanson Joe Swartz
Florabel—Attendant to the Queen Princess Victoria Josephine Bernardo
Mabel Caton Tin Soldiers—Pixies.

After the exercises old Santa Claus, himself, appeared and gladdened the hearts of the little folks with his presents.

MURPHY FAILS TO APPEAR.

Supervisor Sent Word That He was Unable to Keep Appointment With Ladies.

The proposed conference between Supervisor D. J. Murphy of this county and a committee of the Niles Woman's Club, relative to changes to be made in the jail location and a location for the justice's court, failed to materialize. Murphy had made arrangements to meet the ladies in Niles last Thursday, it is said, but during the week sent word that it was impossible to keep his appointment.

JAPANESE ARRESTED.

Charged by Constable M. Oliveira With Allowing His Dog to Run Loose Without a Muzzle.

R. Hirabaiaki, a Japanese, residing at Irvington, was haled into the court of Justice of the Peace Mattos and charged with allowing his dog to run at large without a muzzle, in violation of an ordinance of the board of supervisors of Alameda county.

Hirabaiaki informed the court he had been in the habit of fastening his dog with a chain, but that some one had taken the chain from the animal's neck a short time before.

Justice Mattos took the case under advisement.

HARMONY THREE DANCE.

Popular Oakland Trio Bring Auto Bus of Young People from Oakland to Attend Dance.

The dance given at Connor's hall last Saturday night by the Harmony Three was a decided success. A motor truck of young people came down from Oakland and, according to reports, all enjoyed themselves immensely. The Harmony Three consists of three Oakland musicians who have held several dances in Niles during the winter. All of the dances have been decided successes. The promoters of the dance state that another affair is to be held after the holidays.

GRAMMEAR SCHOOL CLOSSES

Exercises Appropriate to Closing Held at Niles School Friday of This Week.

Friday afternoon the pupils of the Niles Grammar School in Niles presented the following program preparatory to closing the school for a two weeks vacation:

Solo School Christmas Candles School
Pupils from 2d, 3d and 4th Grades
Solo Marguerite Todd
Pupils from 2d, 3d and 4th Grades
Christmas Carol Primary Girls
The Christmas Stars
Pupils from Miss Cutter's Class
Recitation Ruth Flaig
Reading from Van Dyke Isabel Rose
Song, "Peace on Earth," Eighth Grade
Recitation, "Johnnie's Letter"
..... Nellie Bliss
A Christmas Acrostic
Pupils from Miss Cutter's Class
The Christmas Candles Primary Girls
Brownie's Song Primary Boys
Talk on Christmas Giving
..... Bonita Clarke
Christmas, Here at Last
..... Edna Destrella
Solo Laura Silva
Chorus First Grade
Santa and the Dragon
..... Miss Henrick's Class
Recitation, "A New Santa Claus,"
..... Elta McClelland
Recitation Olive Ferreira
Song, "In Merry Chorus," School
Ward School Program.

The Ward School, in charge of Miss Helen K. Lehan rendered the following program on the same afternoon:

Christmas Chorus School
Christmas Acrostic Nine Children
Verses School
Recitation, "The Old Doll,"
..... Madelyn Moore
Folk Dances Eight Children
Duet, "Good Old St. Nick,"
..... Lawrence Keller and Paul Donovan
Christmas Riddles Four Boys
Diagrams
..... Peter Harrison, Lehan
Stivers, School

dead from an attack of heart failure.

Deputy Coroner Ralph Richmond of Niles was summoned and upon arriving impaneled a jury. The inquest will be held at the Mission at a later date.

Funeral services were held in the church at the Mission and interment was had in the Mission cemetery on Thursday. Alter, Pratt and Richmond had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Mr. and Mrs. Case entertained Mr. and Mrs. Calkins from San Jose over the week end. The people in the community have learned with regret that the Case family have decided to remove to San Jose where Mr. Case goes to teach agriculture in the high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Gannon are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Case.

and on Tuesday morning 32 degrees up to Tuesday the season's rainfall here has been 5.18 inches. The north-east storm beginning Wednesday has since added to that.

Among people who are preparing to spend the holiday season with friends in other places are Mr. and Mrs. Wright and son, who will visit friends in Oakland. The teachers generally will disperse, and on the other hand those teaching away from home will return for the Christmastide.

The children's festival at the Episcopal church will be held in the church on the evening of the 28th.

The church guild has adjourned until after the holidays.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church held a pleasant meeting on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. George Lowrie.

P. C. Hansen has purchased a new automobile.

One Tuesday the officers of the O. E. S. of Centerville joined with those living elsewhere in a surprise luncheon at the home of Mrs. Kirk, in the nursery, who is the highest officer in the chapter, worthy matron. Mrs. Kirk has been appointed Grand District Deputy and will retire from the office of worthy matron. The gathering was held to show the appreciation of the other officers for Mrs. Kirk's work the past year.

J. A. Bunting, Sr., is still absent in Wyoming. Mrs. Bunting spent a day or two in San Francisco, during the week with her sister, Mrs. Thomas Palache.

Alameda Lodge F. & A. M. will hold a special meeting this evening at Centerville for the purpose of conferring the second degree.

The Centerville Farm Bureau meeting for December was merged with the big illustrated lecture on Boys' Clubs which was held in the high school last night.

Three-Day-Old Child Dies.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Anone Bernard of Niles, died at the home of its parents in Niles Sunday. The child was but three days old. Mass was said in Niles and the burial took place in the cemetery at Centerville Monday.

All citizens of Washington township should be live boosters.

DIES FROM HEART FAILURE

Frank Dutra, Aged 50, Drops Dead in Mission San Jose While Loading Wagon of Potatoes.

While loading potatoes on a wagon at Mission San Jose last Tuesday morning, Frank Dutra, aged 50, dropped

CHAMBER GAINS NEW MEMBERS

Nine Applications Filed and New Names Added to the Roster.

S. P. WANTS INFORMATION

Local Agent Instructed to Learn the Consensus of Opinion Ament Leasing Ground for a Marble Factory.

Niles Chamber of Commerce met in regular session at its hall Tuesday night. Much business of interest came up for consideration and the meeting developed considerable enthusiasm.

M. B. Sneden, chairman of the highway committee, reported that while work had been temporarily halted on the state highway by inclement weather, the contractors had given him assurance that it would be pushed forward as rapidly as the weather would permit. Discussion was had regarding the advisability of taking steps to have repair work on the highway stopped until after the summer of 1915 in case the work was not completed by that time. The point was raised that it would be better to leave the road as it now is than have it torn up during the progress of the exposition in San Francisco. The consensus of opinion was that the highway commission and contractors were working as rapidly as possible and a motion not to meddle with their work was carried.

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COUNTY AND STATE NEWS

BOND ELECTION TURNED DOWN

**Supervisors Ignore a Petition of
2000 Names Asking for
Affirmative Action**

MURPHY STANDS BY GUNS

**Lachman and Jones Talk in Favor of
Calling the Election as do Also
Representatives of Other
Chambers.**

At Monday's meeting of the Board of Supervisors the matter of ordering a bond election in the county to permit the people to vote on the question of issuing bonds for \$1,000,000 to assist the Panama-Pacific Exposition was brought up by representatives of the Chambers of Commerce of Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda and the Associated Chambers of Commerce of Washington township with result that expression from Supervisors Foss, Murphy and Bridge were such that it did not come to a vote. This lack of action leaves the former refusal to call the election the last official word.

On this last occasion Chairman Mullins was not called upon to reiterate his former adverse opinion. Supervisor Murphy said:

"There is nothing before us, but I think we should all express ourselves. I am against it, because the people have spoken. Many thought they were voting bonds then, so that certainly shows their views. The vote was bigger than it would be next time. Thirty-five thousand people say no! The chamber got behind the issue, as pledged and it failed. They have made good. The exposition has \$400,000 from us already. I oppose it as a thing not proper to do, and I will fight it to the end."

"My district favored the issue," said Foss, "but I believe that it touches the county as a whole. The county is against it—and showed it at the last election. I am against it."

On record as against calling a bond election, Bridge, "The peo-

honest men unless this election is called.

"The only reason the enabling act lost in this county was because the election came on top of the tax bills. I don't think the tax rate is too high. I think if you call the election it will carry."

"Mine is a voice from the country," said Henry Lachman of Mission San Jose. "We must come through. I don't see how you can get away from it."

"I favor the election," said Rev. F. V. Jones of Niles. "This matter has assumed the proportions of an obligation. It is a debt, and we should make it good. I think the people want a chance to declare themselves on the issue. The ballot on which the enabling act was so ponderous that the issue was eclipsed. It was not a fair ballot."

The one man to oppose ordering the election, at least the only one who went to the front, was George Ingraham. He had credentials as representative of a number of improvement clubs east of Lake Merritt, including the annexed portion of the present city of Oakland, where the population is chiefly composed of wage workers who are in the majority of instances still paying for their property.

He said: "The Chamber of Commerce pledged support to an election, but you, in calling an election, will make a dangerous precedent in letting one organization pledge taxpayers' money. What the gentlemen here have said is largely true, but there is also the side of the wage earner trying to earn a loaf of bread and pay his delinquent taxes. The people, the workers, should be heard. This bond issue has become a menace. Why have we no factories? The manufacturers' committee of the Chamber of Commerce will tell you why. It is your tax rate. I am in favor of aiding San Francisco. I may be able to, but others are not. This bond issue will not carry, not because of animosity to San Francisco, but because the worker must buy food. An improvement club might vote to call a million-dollar bond issue to aid the working man. Would you call it? Would it be your duty? The people will beat this bond issue worse than before, but if you start a fund, say let the Chamber give \$100,000 and the business men co-operate, you could raise the fund and call the election."

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BURLESON WANTS TELEGRAPH LINES

**Postmaster-General Would Absorb
All Means of Communication for People.**

DEPARTMENT NOW PAYING

**Recommends An Increase of One Cent
a Pound in All Second-Class
Matter Except the
Newspapers.**

In his report to the President and Congress, Post-Master-General Burleson calls attention to the fact that for the first time since its organization by Benjamin Franklin the postoffice department is now on a self-sustaining basis. He attributes the enormous increase of the income of the department to the rapid growth of the parcels post business. The surplus estimated as result of this growth is \$3,569,545 for the year 1914. In this connection the report adds: "It is safe to say that unless unusual conditions arise, resulting in abnormal depressions of business, there is no danger of recurring deficiencies. Notwithstanding this condition the postmaster general discourages any reduction in rates, on the other hand he urges an advance of one cent a pound on periodicals other than newspapers."

It costs the government 6 cents a pound to handle second-class matter; hence the recommendation to increase the postage on weekly publications other than newspapers. Further reason why the readjustment of postage rates on second-class matter should begin with publications other than newspapers is found in the greater length of the average haul of such publications and the consequent greater cost of their transportation.

The report declares newspapers and periodicals handled in 1914 under the cent-a-pound second-class rate, totaled over a million pounds, an increase of 2.94 per cent over the preceding year, with a resultant "drain on postal revenues" that "emphasizes the necessity of maintaining the present rates."

Constitution Paves the Way.

It is an interesting fact that, whereas policies of government have been advocated and adopted, the constitutionality of which have been seriously questioned, the principle of government ownership and the control of the telegraph and telephone finds its greatest strength in the Constitution. This opinion has been shared by practically all postmasters-general. They hold that the nation's welfare depends upon utilizing these agencies which can only be done through gov-

annual report that Congress seriously consider the question of declaring a government monopoly over all utilities for the public transmission of intelligence and that steps be taken as soon as practicable to incorporate into the postal establishments the telegraph and telephone systems of the country.

"In that report reference was made to the anomalous condition in this country under which the telegraph and telephone utilities, being vehicles for the public transmission of intelligence, infringe upon a function reserved by the Constitution to the national government. They inherently, as well as constitutionally, belong to the postal service. The firm conviction of the department is here reiterated that telegraph and telephone service is inevitably monopolistic and, when operated under private control, does not render the maximum of public service at the minimum cost to the people."

"It is also recommended that the telegraph and telephone facilities of Alaska, Porto Rico and the Hawaiian Islands be at once taken over and operated by the postoffice department. This recommendation is based on an exhaustive investigation which disclosed that the conditions in these territories are generally such as to favor the change."

A large part of the property involved is already government-owned and operated in Alaska by the war department and in Porto Rico by the insular government. The services are so detached geographically as to preclude complicated relationships with neighboring systems and are yet sufficient in extent to afford valuable experimental demonstration for the postal service looking to the administration eventually of a complete national service. The action will have the effect of strengthening the national government in its outlying territories, and is specially recommended because of the expediency of taking over the private ownerships before elaborate and costly negotiations are required.

"The fact that the government exercises a monopoly over the receipt, transmission and delivery of mail carries an obligation to perform this function for all its citizens; hence the postal service may not be operated wholly upon the lines of private enterprise. Whether or not service shall be granted or extensions authorized are questions which, as they arise in a particular case, should not be determined entirely with respect to revenue considerations. Yet it is equally the duty of the department to apply the mechanical and administrative economies which private business enterprise develops and which inventive genius from time to time offers. The maximum of expense is the proper rule to govern public business."

NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

Notice is hereby given that Monday the 21st day of December, 1914, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at the rooms of the Board of Supervisors, in the annex to the Hall of Records, in the City of Oakland, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing the application of Tony S. Mello to obtain a renewal of a liquor license for the sale of liquor at Alvarado in Alvarado Election Precinct.

JOHN P. COOK,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
Dated Oakland, Cal., November 30, 1914.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of Harrison Allen Mayhew, also known as H. A. Mayhew, deceased. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Administratrix of the Estate of Harrison Allen Mayhew, also known as H. A. Mayhew, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four months after the first publication of this notice to the said administratrix, at the office of Thomas C. Huxley, Room No. 1101, Union Savings Bank Building, northeast corner of Broadway and Thirteenth streets, in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, which said office the undersigned selects as her place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Harrison Allen Mayhew, also known as H. A. Mayhew, deceased.

EMILY P. MAYHEW,
Administratrix of the estate of Harrison Allen Mayhew, also known as H. A. Mayhew, deceased.
Dated, Oakland, December 5, 1914.

THOMAS C. HUXLEY,
Attorney for Administratrix,
Union Savings Bank Bldg., Oakland, Cal.
12-12-14

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Suitable For All Ages
Christmas Post Cards and Booklets
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[Latst Improved Barcus Shodding Stall.]

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All Kinds of Mower Extras. Bain Wagons.



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Stenographer	Mechanical Engineer
Advertising Man	Telephone Expert
Show-Card Writing	Stationary Engineer
Window Trimming	Textile Manufacturing
Commercial Illustrating	Civil Engineer
Industrial Designing	Building Contractor
Architectural Drafting	Architect
Chemist	Concrete Construction
Languages	Plumbing, Steam Fitting
Banking	Mine Foreman
Civil Service	Mine Superintendent

Name _____

Street and No. _____

City _____ State _____

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PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF THE UTILITIES

THERE is certainly no man in this state, and probably few in the nation, as well equipped both by theoretical knowledge and practical experience to express an opinion on the now popular doctrine of public ownership than John M. Eshleman, lieutenant-governor-elect of California. His experience as chairman of the California State Railway Commission has been a post-graduate course to the university education with which he founded himself in matters of government. His application of theory in the office he now relinquishes to pass to the second highest place within the gift of the people of California fit him with authoritative knowledge that it is more than well for the rank and file of the people to seriously study in connection with the changes that must come in the tax system as result of the changes in management of our public utilities that must come as result of growing dissatisfaction with their private ownership.

This article should be read, not superficially but studiously, by all progressive voters of every party.

By JOHN M. Eshleman.

In the publicly owned utility there will be no stock and therefore no water. The investment will represent the value of the property and it will not be necessary to make 5 or 6 per cent on two or three times the value of the property to pay interest on bonds and dividends on stock, thus necessitating a net earning on the value of the property on this ratio of 10 or 12, or in many cases even a greater per cent. On this comparison the privately owned and operated utility, as now existing, is distinctly at a disadvantage. It need not be so, however, if proper methods are adopted. But only when the amount upon which an earning shall be made is not greater than the value of property will it be possible for private ownership to compete with public ownership in this regard.

Again the funds of the privately owned enterprise must be honestly devoted to the purposes of the public utility. This is possible of accomplishment, but has not been the rule up to the present day. It is unnecessary to call attention to the disclosures in the New Haven road of the Frisco system, or the United Railroads in San Francisco under the manipulations of Patrick Calhoun. Ordinary thievery, however, is not the only vice encountered along this line. The practice of officials of utilities of having interests in other corporations is sometimes antagonistic to the property they control, is equally pernicious and must be eliminated if the comparison is to be favorable to private ownership.

In regard to franchise and taxes, the advantage of the publicly owned utility in this regard is more seeming than real in the final analysis. For the payment of these taxes exacted from the privately owned plant is merely remitted on the part of one publicly owned.

Money can always be secured on the public credit more cheaply than on private credit under present conditions. Such being the case, the privately owned enterprise will always be at a disadvantage in this regard. Furthermore the reasonable profits over the cost of the borrowed money in a utility owned by the public go into the pockets of the consumers themselves. In these two respects public ownership will always be preferable to private ownership; and unless there are countervailing disadvantages the tendency will be toward a substitution of public ownership for private ownership, even when the private owners are doing all they can be expected to do under governmental regulation.

It is therefore my opinion, first, that regulation can be made to be permanent as against a system of competition. Second, that it cannot be made permanent as against a system of public ownership unless the utilities while in private ownership do the very best they can afford to and do pay sufficient earnings upon their capital to induce the necessary investment. Third, that unless some method can be devised to secure investment in public utility enterprises in private ownership on the basis of a return comparable to the interest rate upon which a municipality or other governmental agency can borrow money, the tendency will be to substitute public ownership for private ownership under regulation.

I would like to impress upon you as forcefully as I can the fact which I think is appropriate for representatives of municipalities have as a rule failed when we apply the proper test of regulation and that they have failed for two reasons; first, because too often municipal authority has been dominated by the very agencies to be regulated; and, second, because the public has not been willing to pay the price of regulation. Regulation requires careful and intelligent effort on the part of people trained for the work. Defeats in courts will always follow haphazard regulation, which is as likely to be unjust to the public as to the utility.

Furthermore, in my opinion, the municipalities uniformly make a mistake in contending for the right to regulate utilities that are not subject as to their



JOHN M. ESHLEMAN.
Lieutenant-Governor of California.

entire property to the control of such municipalities.

I believe it would be wise for the representatives of the cities to have in mind the uselessness of trying to exercise a function which they cannot properly perform.

In conclusion, I desire to suggest that both the utility and the governmental agency have always in mind the maximum of service for the minimum of cost, toward which regulation must always tend until it has reached the limit beyond which it cannot go, and if some other arrangements, such as public ownership, be found which can go further inexorable, economic laws will require the substitution of private ownership under regulation and the adoption of the other plan.

GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY.

United States Can and Does Make Powder and Big Guns Cheaper Than the Trusts.

Rear Admiral Strauss, chief of the United States Bureau of Ordnance, in a statement recently given out proves the efficiency and economy of the government in the manufacture of arms and munitions of war.

That the government can more economically build and repair war vessels, and that more expeditiously, too, than private concerns, has long been known to all who have had a trend of mind that lead to reading on the subject of government industries. The statement of Admiral Strauss was the result of a request from the House Naval Committee, which has been giving more than ordinary attention of late to the matter of national defense.

The admiral says that the navy manufactured at Indian Head proving grounds, Maryland, 3,352,388 pounds of powder, at a cost of 38 and a fraction cents per pound, while it purchased 3,276,630 pounds at 53 cents a pound during the past fiscal year. It also stated that the navy can build 14-inch guns at the Washington gun factory at an estimated cost of \$96,000 each, compared with \$104,000 paid for similar guns manufactured by contract.

ANENT THOSE ALIEN LAWS

President Believes California and Arizona Laws Are Within State Powers.

President Wilson does not think it feasible to map out a general plan for co-ordinating the powers of the states and the federal government, regarding legislation affecting aliens, but believes that each alleged discrimination must be dealt with on its merits and every effort made to conserve treaty obligations. The president told callers last Tuesday that he saw no place for federal legislation on the subject.

The California anti-alien laws, he pointed out, specifically provide they shall not interfere with existing treaties of the federal government with other powers.

Discussing the Arizona anti-alien employment law against which protests have been made by Italy and Great Britain, the President said the law did not discriminate between any aliens, but placed them all on the same basis.

An open mouth indicates a vacant rather than an open mind.

CHURCH RITES HAMPERED

Arizona Pastor Brings Action in Federal Court to Enjoin Officers From Enforcing Laws.

The story of the Lord's Supper is recited in the petition for an injunction against the enforcement of the Arizona prohibition law which was filed in the United States District Court on the 15th, on behalf of Rev. Thomas M. Connolly, pastor of All Saints' Catholic Church of Tucson, Arizona.

The Last Supper, with its breaking of bread and giving of wine, is symbolized in the Catholic ceremony of the mass by the sacrament of the eucharist, and the petition of the priest sets forth Christ's command, "Do this in commemoration of me," as a mandate upon the church to continue a sacrament which, it is contended, would be prohibited by the sweeping provisions of the dry law against manufacture, introduction, sale or use of alcoholic beverages under any pretense whatever.

Judge Sawtelle of the United States District Court had a hearing on the injunction last Tuesday, and, it is understood, will hear further and final arguments on the constitutional questions involved at a sitting with another federal judge at Los Angeles before Christmas.

The injunction sought would be directed to the attorney general of the state and all sheriffs and county attorneys, G. F. Rhinehart, who directed the prohibition campaign, and Eugene F. Chafin, former prohibition candidate for president and at the recent state election an independent candidate for United States Senator, also are defendants.

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MARY BETANCOURT, Administratrix of the estate of Antone Joseph Betancourt, deceased. Dated, November 28, 1914.

JNO. G. MATTOS, JR., Attorney for Administratrix, Centerville, Cal. 5t Date of first publication, Nov. 28, 1914.

NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that Monday, the 28th day of December, 1914, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at the rooms of the Board of Supervisors, in the annex to the Hall of Records, in the City of Oakland, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing the application of Joseph Thomas to obtain a renewal of a liquor license for the sale of liquor at Centerville in Centerville, Election Precinct.

JOHN P. COOK, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. Dated Oakland, Cal., Dec. 7, 1914. 12-12-12-26.

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That Bond Issue

AT THE meeting of last Monday the Board of Supervisors again turned down the million-dollar bond election proposition. It will be remembered that this proposition emanated from the old Oakland Chamber of Commerce at the time that the matter of the Panama Exposition fight was before Congress.

As memory serves, because of the strong fight being put up by New Orleans for the fair, the various mercantile organizations of California were asked by the representatives of this state who were lobbying the thing through to guarantee sums sufficient to make the exposition practically independent of national aid. On the heels of this telegraphed request a minority of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce pledged the business men of Oakland to raise a million dollars and telegraphed P. H. McCarthy, who was very active in conducting the campaign, then mayor of San Francisco, and our congressional representatives informing them of the pledge.

In brief, that is the history of the proceedings which lead up to the submission to all the people of the state of a referendum law permitting Alameda county to bond itself in the amount pledged by the business men of Oakland. Though the permission was overwhelmingly carried, as was to be expected, and as was very proper, by the rest of the state, the proposition lost in Alameda county, notwithstanding considerable editorial and other agitation in its favor prior to the election. This fact is the basis of the refusal of the Supervisors to authorize a bond election and incur the expense attendant. Chairman Mullins expressed himself on the occasion when the matter first came up for action to the effect that the attitude of the public was such as to make authorization of an election at that time a wilful waste of public money. This opinion was then shared by Supervisors Bridge, Murphy and Foss, and is still held by the latter three, a majority of the board.

There is no question in the mind of the writer but that if the proposition were submitted to the whole people of Alameda county tomorrow that the results would bear out the contention of the Board of Supervisors. It would take no small amount of agitation on part of the business community to convince the plebiscite that the people of Alameda county are not enthralled by a few men who wish to shift the onus of repudiation.

The people as a whole are coming to look askance at all bond issues which are not levied for purposes of social betterment or economic accrual to the community. They have learned the lesson of corporate investment—learned that "every dollar raised by bond issues," as Chairman Mullins once remarked to the writer, "costs the people 100 per cent—wishes a heritage on posterity that is as unjust as it is extortionate."

The press of the state has been so grossly misinformed through the campaign of publicity conducted by the Oakland dailies, however, that if the matter of the bonds were submitted and that the county would very properly be looked upon as a welcher—in other words the blame would be transferred from the shoulders of the mercantile community of Oakland, where it really belongs, to those of the taxpayers of the whole county.

The only "out" for the people is for them to stand with the majority of the Board of Supervisors, for it is hardly probable that at the present time—under the existing slump in the labor market and the extremely high tax rate of Oakland that the urban home builder, who is paying for property on the installment plan that he bought when values were inflated, will vote more money out of his pocket when, as has been so often said by those who are more frank than discreet, "we can get the benefits for nothing."

We do not wish to be understood as advocating such course or argument, it is beneath any self-respecting person to accept anything for nothing—it is pauperism—and what is true of the individual is even more veracious in a community. The fact still remains, however, that in view of the necessity—and it is an urgent necessity—for a sanitary district in the immediate vicinity of Niles and the probable expense attached to the water districts of this and Pelasanton townships, the people will naturally choose real, direct benefits as vehicles of disbursements rather than the very doubtful, and at best, passing satisfaction of assuming a debt for honor's sake that has been thrust upon us by persons who did not study our necessities or consult our wishes in promising a million to the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

The efforts of the San Francisco dailies to manufacture a wave of crime are a mighty fine advertisement for the Exposition City—we don't think. They had better wait and pick up the abatement battle if they really want a star of criticism to which to hitch their chariot of sensationalism. Well, you get a variety from their pages, anyway—a knock on the first page and a boost further inside.

A Welcome Trend

POSTMASTER-GENERAL BURLESON'S report to President Wilson, which was made public this week, is one of the most interesting documents submitted by any member of the Cabinet. Probably the most important of all his recommendations is that which asks that the President influence Congress to the end of making the transmission of all intelligence a government monopoly.

This is the second time that the Postmaster-General has asked the nationalization of the telegraphs and the telephones. This time he suggests that a beginning be made with the services of Porto Rico, where the telephones and telegraphs are now under governmental supervision, and in Alaska, where the physical plants are actually owned and operated by the national government.

Now that the postoffice department, for the first time since its organization by Benjamin Franklin, is upon a paying basis, and this in face of the prognostication that the parcels post would swamp it, and since it is largely due to Postmaster-General Burleson's supervision that this result has been obtained, perhaps in view of the democratic control in Congress, we may look for this long-popular experiment in extension of government monopoly before the end of the present Wilson administration.

There is no question in the mind of any person not connected with the present unsatisfactory and expensive management of telephones and telegraphs but that the national government would much better and more cheaply serve the people than is now done. In fact, these two services, as Burleson points out, come under the constitutional right and duty of the government. And in comparison with the mail service they are much the more important to the rank and file of the population.

The mails are now and always have been of prime direct benefit to the business classes. There are mighty few people outside of commercial pursuits who mail more than three letters or packages a week, and two cents a day would be rather a high average for the general run of the population to pay for the service. Hence the mails, at a high average, supposing that we had to pay 10 cents a parcel, don't save most of us over a dollar and ten cents a month; but it does save the big merchants thousands of dollars each year, and has a tendency to bring the little distributor more and more into killing competition with the larger retailer of the great centers—a tendency toward concentration—the more the package post is extended.

There are far more phone messages sent now—counting local calls—with our restricted and costly service, than there are letters, and this would increase vastly if the telephones were under government ownership and the price reduced to the cost of maintenance. The service couldn't possibly be worse than it is under private management, and judging by the mails, it would be better and more dependable.

Poor Losers

CARRANZA has been again twiddling his fingers with thumb to the nose at Uncle Sam. He will consider any attempt of this country to defend its citizens against the bullets of the warring factions of Mexico as an "act of hostility, however well disposed the government may be," he says.

Well, we opine "his whiskers" will consider it as he pleases, and we have no objection. What we are interested in, and President Wilson seems to be of the same opinion, is that Americans in this country and all other people for the matter of that, be given the immunities and privileges of person and property that are guaranteed by our laws.

Those who have chosen to cast their fortunes with the Mexicans have gone there for profit and we believe assumed the risks of the exploiter in the move. They didn't ask this country's advice with regard to their investments, nor did they consult our government or our laws in the matter of their business organization, and for that reason are not entitled to protection now. It is to be presumed that they were fully conversant with the risks they ran both as to the mercurial natures of the Latins and as to the protection given under Mexican laws. The profits they have taken are in keeping with extra hazardous risks, and the present demand for protection that has come from them savors strongly of the poor loser—reminds one of the booby who looks for trouble and yells "mamma!" when he finds it.

IT IS EASY for some people and some institutions to take credit for what others do or pay for. The San Francisco Examiner is an illustration in point. It is getting up an "Examiner Christmas tree," but other people are paying for it.

It is the "uncertainty of death," a certainty, that makes us physically brave—the chance of life and commendation. It is the recognition of the certainty of death that makes us cowards.

A Lesson of Modern Industry

JUST at the present time, as result, probably, of the report of the secretary of labor, there is much editorial perturbation anent the "manless job and the jobless man," and most of it, as usual, is very much of the layman character.

The writer has, during the past 20 years, had occasion to delve deeply into the subject of jobs (for himself and for others) with result that he has formed some very definite plans of procedure. First, he came to the conclusion that it was impossible in most instances to move the job to the man—Mohammed must go to the mountain, as it were.

On that assumption, and in view of the fact that labor has come to be looked upon by the job monger as a commodity to be governed by the same rules of the commercial game that dictate prices of chickens, turkeys, hogs and other cattle raised for public consumption, diversion and other purposes, distribution becomes the chief problem. The fact that labor, too, is the most perishable of all perishable products of industrial society was taken into consideration. As result of these cogitations a vehicle of distribution (other than the box-car) was sought.

It was discovered that the labor union, along lines of primogeniture, did make a more or less effective attempt to control distribution of labor power; that it reserved jobs for its membership—a very crude manifestation of distribution. This led to the conclusion that organized labor, simply because it was organized, should and must ultimately undertake the distribution of all labor, organized and unorganized, must do this for the same reasons that it organized—self protection.

Where pressure or abuse is most felt there lies the power and usually the resource of remedy. On that hypothesis, and because free labor will not brook paternalism to the point of abridgement of personal prerogative, under a republic or democracy, it becomes the duty of those organized to measurably care for those of their class who lack the foresight to organize.

Labor is organized to market labor power. Nothing is marketed until means of distribution are established. This the labor unions have failed to do as regards their wares, and this fact is their chief weakness. They should open employment offices and establish means of communication within each competitive district whereby the surplus product of one section could be shipped to a locality where there is a dearth. This can easily be done by a little better organization of the present official corps, and at a cost well within the dues systems now in vogue. Besides the state could under such circumstances be in possession of details such as that which led up to the Durst hopfield incident of a couple of years ago in time to forestall denouements similar to the Yuba county tragedy.

Plans and specifications furnished on demand. They provide for doing away with the employment shark and introduce a monkey wrench into the gears of the vag law.

CURRENT COMMENT

THERE IS AN outfit down in San Antonio that styles itself "Bureau of Graphic Information," at the head of which appears the name of Juan Nave de Castellanos as chief of designers, that is sending out a lot of "faked" photographs to the press of this country, the first of which leads to the opinion that others are to be able adjuncts to the agitation for intervention in Mexico. The only real thing in the picture received is the view of Callejon Betlamitas, the rest of the picture is "washed in" and makes a very stirring scene of anarchy. The press of the country shouldn't fall for this "bunk."

SAYS THE Livermore Herald, speaking of the "Friend-to-Man-Editor of the Tribune: "The result appears a bit prosy and inane to those of us who have been accustomed to depend upon the strong meat of later-day journalism for our mental pabulum." Strong is good; smelly, better.

SINCE EUROPE IS LOSING its charm for tourists as an incident of the war there, maybe the "See America First" agitation will result in keeping some of our tourist money at home.

A "BAD INJUN."

The man who acts disguised
At everything he sees,
Whose friends all feel mistrusted
An' sort 'o ill at ease—
Whose in'ards seem a-quiver—
Has only got a touch
Of swellin' o' the liver,
Which don't amount to much.

But the cuss that comes a-smirkin'
With important mien and air
With a knock for folks that's workin'
An' tryin' to be fair
Has got a disposition,
An "odor," as it were,
That suits the tastes and mission
Of a hybrid skunk an' cur.

—Sef

Leetle Bateese.

You fad leetle boy, not mooch you care
How busy you're kipin' your poor
gran' pere
Tryin' to stop you ev'ry day
Chasin' de hen arun' de hay—
W'y don't you geeve dem a chance to
lay?

Leetle Bateese.

Off on de fiel you foller de plow,
Den w'en you're tire you scare de cow,
Sickin' de dog till dey jump de wall,
So de milk ain't good for not'ing at all
An' you're only five an' a half dis fall,
Leetle Bateese.

Too sleepy for sayin' de prayer to-
night?
Never min', I s'pose it'll be all right
Say dem tomorrow—ah! dere he go!
Fas' asleep in a minute or so—
An' he'll stay lak dat till de rooster
crow,

Leetle Bateese.

Den wake us up right away toute
suite,
Lookin' for somet'ing more to eat,
Makin' me t'ing o' dem long leg crane
Soon as they swaller, dey start again.
I wonder your stomach don't get no
pain,

Leetle Bateese.

But see heem now lyin' deer in bed,
Lok at de arm underneat' hees head;
T' he grow lak dat till he's twenty year
(bet he'll be strong dan Louis Cyr
An' beat all the voyageurs leevin' here,
Leetle Bateese.

Jus' feel de muscle along hees back,
Won't geev' heem moche bodder for
carry pack
On de long portage, any size canoe,
Dere's not many t'ing dat boy won't do,
Fore he's got double-joint on hees
body, too,

Leetle Bateese.

But leetle Bateese! please don't forget
We rader you're stayin' de small boy
yet,
So chase de chicken an' make dem
scare
An' do w'at you lak wit' your ole
gran'pere,
For w'en you're beeg feller he won't
be dere—

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RED LIGHTS STILL TO BURN

Officers and Interested Parties Come to a Tacit Understanding Upon the New Law.

Although the Red-Light Abatement Act became law at 10:30 o'clock last night, there are no indications that the red lights themselves will be dimmed for some time to come in San Francisco.

Police commissioners, chiefs of police, district attorneys, property owners, hotel keepers and others have been in more or less constant consultation the past week all over the state, and from such informal opinions as have been given out, the consensus of opinion seems to be that the status quo will be preserved until the law has been thoroughly tested in the courts. That is to say, there is nothing to show that there will be any sudden about-face. Each community will continue to deal with the social evil, according to its own sentiment.

From the steps taken thus far, two general facts have developed:

1. Enforcement of the law cannot be delayed by federal injunctions. It must be put into effect first and tested afterward.

2. The police have been granted no new authority. The law provides for proceedings in equity only. That is proceedings by civil suit. Ample authority to close any proven disorderly house is in the possession of the police now, under laws of long standing.

There can be no spectacular raids under the new law, no wholesale closing of such segregated districts as still exist. On the other hand, acting under existing statutes, it would be possible for a chief of police to argue:

"This statute embodies the will of the people. They wish these houses closed, and I shall do so by the authority already mine."

Chief White of San Francisco was inclined to take this stand, until he had talked today with deputies of the district attorney. He still said afterward that he was ready to obey any order for a general clean-up, but it soon became evident that nothing of the sort was expected.

What the district attorney intends is to pick out a house of ill-fame, a questionable hotel, and a recognized assignation house; to file complaints against them, and thus to test the law in all its aspects. This will be done immediately.

Temperance Leader Gone.

The funeral services of Mrs. S. M. Woodman, an influential worker in the W. C. T. U. of this state, took place yesterday at the home of the deceased in San Leandro. Mrs. Woodman died on the 16th instant.

She had not been in good health for more than a year and her condition became serious several months ago, although she continued to take an active interest in the affairs of the Temperance Union. She was also prominent in church work, interesting herself in the Methodist church and its Sunday school work.

Mrs. Woodman was born in Massachusetts in 1836, removing with her parents to Wisconsin two years later. She married and came to California in 1863, settling in Chico. Here she resided until 1900 when she moved to San Leandro. Her husband died 11 years ago. She is survived by a son, Fred Woodman, a civil engineer who came from the Yosemite Valley to be at his mother's bedside.

WOULD REGULATE SALOONS

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Will Formulate State Laws and Present Them.

Upon the theory expressed by its members that the "liquor men are killing the goose that lays their golden eggs," a committee of the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco has begun the formulation of a plan to regulate and reduce the number of saloons in San Francisco. Its plans extend to legislative action at Sacramento this winter, "with a view to harmonizing regulation in the state."

According to the general scheme, it is proposed to limit the number of saloons, raise license taxes, and arrange a sliding scale for licenses on saloons, restaurants and hotels where liquor is sold in bars not opening directly on the street. It is proposed to compel clubs, which now escape, to pay a liquor license tax.

This movement is evidently on to forestall a statewide dry movement on the topic for 1916.

"Everwear Hosiery" for men, women or children make an acceptable Christmas gift. For sale at Zwiler's.—Adv.

New Year's Ball.

If the plans of Niles Parlor of Native Sons of the Golden West are carried out, the grand ball on New Year's eve will be one of the greatest social events of the year. The Native Sons are noted for their hospitality and the very fact that a dance is given under their auspices is a guarantee of its success.

GROSS RESIGNS.

Will Assume Duties of County Clerk On January 4.—Successor in Doubt.

County Clerk-elect George E. Gross presented his resignation as city auditor and ex-officio assessor of the city of Oakland last Wednesday to take effect on the 31st of this month. Gross assumes his new duties on the 4th of next month.

Gross still had two years of an unexpired term to serve. There is said to be a deadlock in the Oakland Board of Commissioners as to who shall be appointed to succeed Gross until the spring municipal elections. Meese is prominently mentioned, in fact, his name was suggested by Commissioner to Public Health and Safety Turner immediately following the acceptance of Gross' resignation; but the absence of the mayor gave excuse for Forrest, Baccus and Anderson to object to speed in the naming of a successor. It is evident that considerable "medicine" will have to be made by the Oakland powers that be before a "suitable" person can be settled upon.

DRY CAMPAIGN IN 1915.

Convention to Formulate Law Will Meet in San Francisco to Map Out Campaign.

Another prohibition amendment will in all probability be submitted to the voters of California at the general election in 1916, according to Dr. John Oliver of Fresno, a member of the California Dry Federation.

A convention of the dries will be held in Fresno in May at which time another dry amendment will be presented and adopted and other plans for the campaign started.

A. J. Wallace, lieutenant governor, was appointed chairman of a committee of nine on representation. Other members of the committee are Dr. John Oliver, Fresno; Mrs. Sarah J. Doer, San Jose; Senator Brown, Los Angeles; Dr. George E. Burlingame, San Francisco; Mrs. Lucy S. Blanchard, Los Angeles; Dr. C. P. Moore, Oakland; H. A. Wheeler, Los Angeles, and Rev. Charles H. Scott, San Bernardino.

Seven state will vote on dry measures next year, according to the report and this action of the California Dry contingent amounts to serving of notice on the liquor interests of this state that 1916 will mark similar action here.

TO WATCH LEGISLATION.

San Francisco Chamber of Commerce Sacramento.

The San Francisco chamber of commerce will maintain its legislative bureau or department at Sacramento during the coming legislative session, instead of at San Francisco. The object of this move is to investigate all bills that are introduced and see that each section of the country is informed regarding the propositions presented.

The bureau is non-political and will not lobby. Outside commercial organizations will not have to pay anything for the service. The opportunity afforded is that organized effort may be made to have a bill passed as law to defeat it.

The bureau will take care of bills that affect the agricultural and horticultural pursuits, mining, industrial development, transportation, water power, irrigation, shipping or any industry followed in this state. Heretofore the bureau has looked after San Francisco alone and is now broadening its scope and its work to the extent that its service may be had free of charge by any city in California.

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Civil Service Examinations Scheduled For Tailors, Butchers, Shoemaker and Laboratory Helper.

The State Civil Service Commission of California announces that the following examinations have been scheduled for the month of January, 1915. Application blanks and further information relative to these examinations may be secured upon application to the State Civil Service Commission, State Capitol, Sacramento.

January 9.—Butcher: Three vacancies in state institutions at from \$50 to \$75 a month, board and room in addition. The positions require the giving of instruction to and care of boys in an industrial school, and only those so qualified should apply.

January 16.—Shoemaker: One vacancy at \$50 per month, board and room in addition. The position requires the giving of instruction to and care of boys in an industrial school, and only those so qualified should apply.

January 23.—Laboratory Helper: One vacancy at \$50 per month. The duties of the position call for fumigating, sterilizing glassware, caring for animals, some janitor work, etc. The examination is to be given in Berkeley only.

January 30.—Tailor: One vacancy at \$60 per month. The position requires the giving of instruction to and care of boys in an industrial school, and only those so qualified should apply.

Corporations at Fault.

"If water power development is checked, the water power interests themselves will be directly responsible," Clifford Pinchot told the senate public lands committee this week in an endorsement of the administration's water power leasing bill.

"What the water power men have been fighting for," said Pinchot, "is to have enormously valuable water power grants given them forever for nothing. Rather than accept anything else than free and perpetual gifts of public property, they have kept the present law in force. Of late years the principal effect of water power interests has not been to develop water power sites, but to acquire and hold them undeveloped."

Pinchot denounced the water power bill introduced by Senator Jones of Washington, declaring it represented the view of water power interests.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT PRIVATE SALE.

In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda.

In the Matter of the Estate of Manuel F. Silva, also known as Manuel Francisco Da Silveira, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda, made on

the 19th day of November, 1914, in the matter of the estate of Manuel F. Silva, also known as Manuel Francisco Da Silveira, deceased, the undersigned Administrator of the estate of said deceased, will sell at private sale to the highest bidder upon the terms and condition hereinafter mentioned, and subject to confirmation of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda, on or after Wednesday, the 9th day of December, 1914, all the right, title, interest and estate of said Manuel F. Silva, also known as Manuel Francisco Da Silveira, deceased, at the time of his death in and to the real property hereinafter described, and all the right, title and interest that the said estate has by operation of law or otherwise acquired other than or in addition to that of said deceased at the time of his death, of in and to all those certain pieces or parcels of land lying and being in the Township of Washington, County of Alameda, State of California, and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the most westerly corner of lands formerly of Caetano de Souza, it being also the most southerly corner of land of J. S. Leal, and on the northeasterly line of the County Road leading from Niles to Mission San Jose, and running thence south 53 degrees 49 minutes east three and 20-100 (3.20) chains along said northeasterly line of said County Road to a stake; thence north 42 degrees 02 minutes East six and 25-100 (6.25) chains to a stake; thence North 53 degrees 49 minutes West Three and 20-100 (3.20) chains to the southeasterly line of said land of J. S. Leal; thence south 42 degrees 02 minutes west on the line dividing the land hereby conveyed from said land of said Leal six and 25-100 (6.25) chains to the place of beginning.

Containing two (2) acres of land and being a portion of a tract of land containing 23 and 50-100 (23.50) acres heretofore conveyed by Manuel S. Brown and wife to Caetano de Souza by deed dated November 18, 1899, and recorded in the office of the County Recorder of the said County of Alameda, in Liber 717 of Deeds at page 125.

Beginning at the most northerly corner of that certain tract of land containing two acres conveyed from Caetano de Souza et ux. to M. F. Costa et ux., by deed dated August 29, 1903, and recorded in the office of the County Recorder of Alameda County, California, in Volume 926 of Deeds at Page 108, and running thence along the northwesterly line of that certain tract of land containing 23 and 50-100 acres hereinafter referred to, North 42 degrees 2 minutes East 562 and 32-100 feet; thence south 53 degrees 49 minutes East 223 and 26-100 feet; thence South 42 degrees 2 minutes West 562 and 32-100 feet to a point on the extension southeasterly of the northeasterly line of the said two acre tract; and thence along the said extension of and along the northeasterly boundary line of the said two acre tract north 53 degrees 49 minutes West 223 and 26-100 feet to the point of commencement.

Containing 2.38 acres and being a portion of the above mentioned 23.50 acre tract, conveyed from Manuel S. Brown et ux. to Caetano de Souza by deed dated November 18, 1899 and recorded in the office of the county recorder of Alameda County, California, in Volume 717 of Deeds at Page 125.

Beginning at the most southerly corner of the two acre tract heretofore mentioned, and running thence North 42 degrees 2 minutes East along the Southeasterly line of said 2 acre tract 412.50 feet to the most easterly corner of said 2 acre tract; thence south 53 degrees 49 minutes East 12.06 feet; thence south 42 degrees 2 minutes West 412.50 feet to the Northeasterly line of the County Road leading from Niles to Mission San Jose; and thence North 53 degrees 49 minutes west 12.06 feet to the place of beginning containing 0.11 of an acre.

TERMS AND CONDITION OF SALE.—Cash, gold coin of the United States; ten per cent of the purchase price to be paid at the time of sale, balance on confirmation of sale.

All bids or offers must be in writing, and may be left at the office of Abe P. Leach, Attorney for Administrator, at Room 716 Security Bank Building, Oakland, California, or may be delivered to said Administrator personally in said County of Alameda, or may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at any time after the first publication of this notice and before making said sale.

Dated: November 19th, 1914.
H. B. MEHRMANN,
Administrator of the Estate of Manuel F. Silva, also known as Manuel Francisco Da Silveira, deceased.

Attorney for Administrator, 716 Security Bank Bldg., Oakland, Cal.

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Bank of Alameda County, a corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.
Union Land Company, (formerly United Properties Realty Company) a corporation, et al., defendants.

No. 43114.

Under and by virtue of a Decree of Foreclosure and Sale and an Order of Sale issued thereon out of the Superior Court of the County of Alameda, of the State of California, on the 25th day of November, A. D. 1914, in the above-entitled action, wherein Bank of Alameda County, a corporation, the above named plaintiff, obtained a judgment and Decree of Foreclosure and Sale against Union Land Company (formerly United Properties Realty Company), a corporation, G. W. Campbell, Frank Barnett as sheriff of the County of Alameda, State of California, M. A. Anderson, and H. M. Wooley, defendants on the 16th day of November, A. D. 1914, which said Judgment and Decree were on the 19th day of November, A. D. 1914, recorded in Judgment Book No. 105 of said Court, at Page 409, I am commanded to sell:

All that parcel of land situate in the Township of Washington, County of Alameda, State of California, described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the North-easterly side of the County Road leading from Centerville to Alvarado, said point being a corner common to lands

now or heretofore of A. Baker, and the tract hereby described, and running thence North 30 degrees 50 minutes East with the line of said lands now or formerly of A. Baker Fifty-one 112-1000 (51.112) chains to a point in the middle of Alameda Creek; thence up the middle of said creek as follows: South 23 degrees 36 minutes East Seven 02-100 (7.02) chains, South 60 degrees 41 minutes East Five 43-100 (5.43) chains, and North 78 degrees 54 minutes East 90-100 (9.00) chains; thence South 11 degrees East 71-100 (0.71) chains; thence South 30 degrees 50 minutes West Forty-seven 446-1000 (47.446) chains to the northeasterly line of the aforesaid County Road, and thence North 53 degrees 15 minutes West with the Northeasterly line of said County Road Twelve 317-1000 (12.317) chains to the point of beginning.

Containing Fifty-nine 34-100 (59.34) acres.

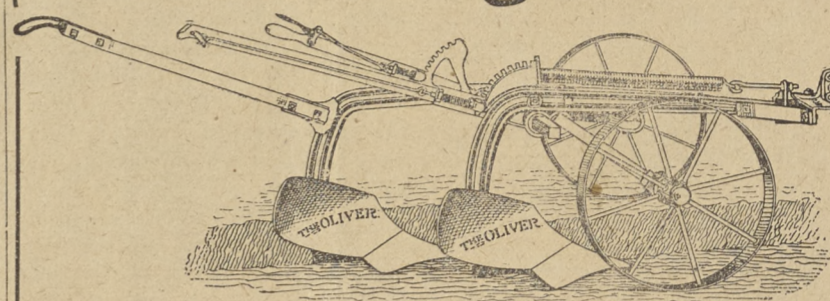
Public notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 23rd day of December, 1914, at 10 o'clock A. M., of that day, in front of the Broadway entrance of the Court House of the County of Alameda, in the City of Oakland, County of Alameda, State of California, I will, in obedience to said Order of Sale and Decree of Foreclosure and Sale, sell the above described property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to raise sufficient money to satisfy said judgment, with interest and costs, etc., to the highest and best bidder, for gold coin of the United States.

Oakland, Cal., November 27, 1914.

J. B. LANKTREE,
A Commissioner Appointed by Said Superior Court, 500 Broadway, Oakland, Cal.

THOS. C. HUXLEY,
Attorney for Plaintiff.
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LOCAL HAPPENINGS IN THE TOWNSHIP

NILES BREVITIES.

P. B. Galli of San Francisco visited with friends in Niles Sunday.

Mrs. A. Bertolozzi is visiting with friends in the city the latter part of the week.

Joe Maderos was in Niles Saturday evening.

Messrs. Roland, T. J. Cesari and Silars motored to San Jose Tuesday.

Mrs. Montes of San Francisco visited with her sister, Mrs. F. J. Cesari Sunday.

Miss Rachel Santos spent Sunday in Niles with Mrs. Joseph Roderick.

Leslie Cummings was in Niles Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

Mrs. R. L. Chase, Mrs. A. R. Hooker and Mrs. G. O. Melaas were in the Exposition City Monday.

Miss Alleen Peres spent Monday with Miss Lily Roderick.

Miss Edna Follyer and Miss Frances Hoffing were the guests of Misses Mae and Lillian Borges during the past week.

Mrs. A. K. Zwislser and her daughter, Miss Gertrude Zwislser leave today for Placerville, where they will spend the holidays.

Reports from the canyon Thursday night were to the effect that the water at the highway bridge had risen two feet between the hours of 9:30 and 11:30 on that night.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Gray of Halsey, Oregon, are visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. W. McClelland, in Niles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Easterday returned from Moss Beach, San Mateo county, Thursday after a stay of several days. As usual Mr. Easterday sent home a large shipment of shell fish.

A. B. Hill and Mrs. A. I. Simpson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Easterday at their cottage at Moss Beach last week.

Mrs. Con Amarala of Niles was taken to the Detention Hospital at Oakland Sunday to undergo observation as to her sanity.

Jack Elam of the Essanay company expects to spend Christmas with relatives in Fresno.

Mrs. C. Zehenda left Wednesday for Chico to spend the holidays with her parents. Mr. Zehenda will join them on the 24th. The entire family will return on the 28th.

MISSION ITEMS.

Henry Lachman of Mission San Jose was chosen from a field of 65 as one of the 21 directors of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Exchange. This is a compliment to the Mission which the whole of the township can share with the energetic booster.

Former Manager McClimont of the Oakland Traction company, has bought the McCarthy place opposite Palmdale. Mr. McClimont will put out 25 acres of prunes and engage in the fancy poultry business. He will prove quite an addition to Washington township.

The branch library in this village has been enlarged one-third, thus becoming the largest institution of its kind in the township. Mrs. Stephens has contributed some three hundred volumes which have been placed in three new cases, and proposes to add still more books of the juvenile class to this fine gift.

Christmas will be observed here by exercises and a tree on Friday night. The celebration will take place in the town hall and moving pictures will form part of the program.

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Happy New Year

Those getting Laundry in on Monday by 12 will get bundles back Thursday afternoon, so that they can have a clean change for Christmas.

DECOTO NOTES

B. F. Hartman, superintendent of the Masonic Home was laid up several days this week, but is again able to be about.

It is expected that the acreage of tomatoes will be considerably decreased about Decoto next year. Owing to the increased price to be paid for sugar beets next season it is believed that the acreage in that crop will be considerably increased.

John Sandholdt was this week appointed school trustee to fill the vacancy on the board caused by the removal of D. Jackson to Alameda. Mr. Sandholdt is one of Decoto's wide-awake citizens. The appointment is a good one.

Judge Mattos' Court.

The following cases were disposed of in the court of Justice of the Peace Jno. G. Mattos, Jr., on Monday the 14th instant:

B. H. Carlton, W. Bernhardt, H. A. Lunsman, C. L. Madigan and W. Williams were each fined \$25 for speeding.

Ball in the sum of \$25 was forfeited by A. Gail. Sentence was suspended in the case of W. J. Davis, F. Pierce and Henry Lemas.

In the case of Southern Pacific Co. vs. Hiraboshi et al. satisfaction of claim was entered.

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IRVINGTON ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Madsen have moved to Aptos, Santa Cruz county.

N. A. Babb, who has been ill for some time is improving.

Mrs. Ned Witherly and children of San Jose are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Witherly.

Mrs. Morris Brewer and daughter, Myla spent Tuesday in San Jose.

Mrs. Clay Brewer and Mrs. Lena Roderick spent Monday in San Jose.

Mr. and Mrs. William Blacow expect to sail for Hawaiian Islands December 22 to visit their daughter, Mrs. Robert Horner.

William Trenouth is moving into his new home near Irvington.

School closed yesterday for the holidays. The principal, G. Olinder, will spend the holiday vacation in Northern California.

The Press wishes all its friends and Patrons a Merry Christmas.

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EXPOSITION LETTER DAY—DECEMBER 15TH

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The Exposition Line—1915—First in Safety.

Stockholders' Meeting

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Niles State Bank of Niles, California, will be held on Saturday, January 2, 1915, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

CHAS. EVANS, Secretary.

Shooting Notice.

The undersigned hereby notify the public that they will not allow hunting or shooting on their property or along Alameda Creek adjoining their premises.

Anyone trespassing our property will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

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